

1. (Currently amended) A support accessory cooperable with the vertical edge of a counter top surface and the counter top surface for the prevention of the contamination of the oven floor or the pizza peel in the process of making a pizza, the support accessory comprising:

a plurality of vertically oriented support members each having an upper edge and a lower edge, said lower edge being in contact with a said counter top surface, at least one of said plurality of support members having its said lower edge extending downwardly beyond the lower edge of the immediately adjacent support members and juxtaposed against a said vertical edge of said counter top surface edge;

a pizza peel support surface mounted on said plurality of support members and unitary therewith, said peel support surface dimensioned to support a peel in a horizontal orientation.

2. (Currently amended) The support accessory in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said pizza peel support surface is planar and extends coextensively between said plurality of support members.

3. (Currently amended) The support accessory in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said plurality of support members comprises a plurality of side walls depending from said pizza peel support surface about ~~the~~ a periphery of said support surface.

4. (Originally presented) The support accessory in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said plurality of support members comprises distinct leg members depending from said support surface.

5. (Originally presented) The support accessory in accordance with Claim 3 wherein said support surface comprises an inwardly facing flange on each of said support members.

6. (Withdrawn) A method for preparing a pizza and insuring that the oven floor or pizza peel does not become contaminated, the process comprising:

positioning an elevated support surface on the counter top, said elevated support surface approximating the surface of a pizza peel, said elevated support surface having a depending member for engagement with the edge of the counter top;

positioning said pizza peel on said elevated support surface in a horizontal orientation;

positioning a pizza crust on said pizza peel;

applying desired pizza ingredients to said pizza crust;

transferring said pizza crust and said ingredients by means of said pizza peel to an oven.